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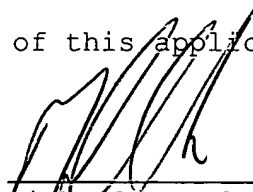
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Dear Sir:

On November 26, 2003 Applicant forwarded the above-captioned Patent Application to the Patent Office. Applicant has received the formal filing receipt and Notice of Publication, but no further correspondence has been received from the Patent Office in this regard. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the status of this application.

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